GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
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INSTALLATION OF NEW PETROL PUMPS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has stopped the installation of new petrol pumps and process of selection of new dealers inspite of clear authorization;

(b) if so, whether the Government has also restrained the oil PSU`s to stop the issue of LOI to the selected candidates;

(c) if so, whether the Government has issued these directives with retrospective effect;

(d) if so, whether these directions are to support and to help the private players and to defuse the speed of deregulations; and

(e) if so, the reasons and justifications for the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (e): Consequent upon the dismantling of the Administered Pricing Mechanismin the petroleum sector with effect from 1.4.2002, the selection of dealers for retail outlets (petrol pumps) for different locations in the country, will be made by the oil marketing companies themselves as per the guidelines to be adopted by them. While preliminary action like selection of suitable sites for setting up of retail outlets, etc., has been initiated, selection of dealers will be done after finalisation of guidelines in this regard.